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DEPARTMENT PASS PEACE CORPS

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TAGS: EAID, BG
SUBJ: PEACE CORPS NEGOTIATIONS

REF: DACCA 2539

1. WE HAVE OBTAINED COPY OF SRO 133 OF MARCH 14, 1974,
MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH 4 OF REFTTEL.

2. THIS PERTAINS TO CATEGORY DESCRIBED AS "RELIEF
WORKER", BUT SEEMS TO MEET FAIRLY WELL OUR WISHES WITH
REGARD TO PRIVILEGES OF VOLUNTEERS AND VOLUNTEER LEADERS.
IT WOULD ALLOW THE DUTY FREE IMPORT (OR PURCHASE FROM
DUTY FREE STORE) OF TAKA 250 (ABOUT \$17) OF FOODSTUFFS,
2 BOTTLES OF WHISKEY OR OTHER SPIRIT, 12 CANS OF BEER AND
600 CIGARETTES PER MONTH. THERE IS A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF
FUNGIBILITY AND A CARRY OVER OF FOUR MONTHS IN THE
ALLOWANCES. LIQUOR, BEER AND CIGARETTES CAN BE FORE-
FEITED TO PERMIT AN ADDITIONAL TAKA 160 (ABOUT \$10)
PER MONTH OF FOODSTUFFS.

3. ADVANTAGES OF CITING THIS WITH REGARD TO VOLUNTEERS
AND VOLUNTEER LEADERS ARE TWO: (1) IT PERMITS BDG TO USE
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YARDSTICK WITH WHICH THEY ARE FAMILIAR; AND (2) IT ALLOWS
NATIONAL BOARD OF REVENUE (NBR) A CONCESSION WHICH MAY PERMIT
THEM TO CONCENTRATE ON MORE CRITICAL QUESTIONS OF PARAGRAPH
4 AND THE PART OF PARAGRAPH 5 PERTAINING TO PROFESSIONAL STAFF.

4. REQUEST DEPARTMENT AND PEACE CORPS INFORM US AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE IF WORDING ALONG THESE LINES FOR PERTAINENT

PORTION IS ACCEPTABLE: QUOTE VOLUNTEERS AND
VOLUNTEER LEADERS WILL BE ACCORDED THE PRIVILEGES SPECIFIED
IN S.R.O. NO. 133/D/CUS/74 UNQUOTE.

5. POLCOUNSELOR MET FINANCE MINISTRY REPRESENTATIVE FOR
APRIL 25 MEETING AT SOCIAL OCCASION SAME EVENING. HE
SAID THAT IN DISCUSSION WHICH FOLLOWED POLCOUNSELOR'S
DEPARTURE, OUR POSITIONS WERE GENERALLY SUPPORTED AND IT
WAS HIS OPINION THAT NBR MIGHT COME AROUND, WITH OR
WITHOUT REFERENCE TO THE COUNCIL OF ADVISORS.

6. AMBASSADOR RAISED QUESTION OF PEACE CORPS ACTIVITY
IN HIS INITIAL CALL ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISER (MINISTER)
SHAMSUL HUQ, NOTING THAT CURRENT PROBLEM IN NEGOTIATING
WAS WITH NBR. SHAMSUL HUQ AGREED TO LOOK INTO PROBLEM.
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